

WOMAN STRUCK A MATCH

Gas Explosion Followed Wrecking A House, Fatally Injuring One And Seriously Injuring Eight Others.

BROKEN PIPE IN KITCHEN THE CAUSE

MCKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 29.—As the result of a gas explosion at 5:30 this morning at the residence of W. J. Sweeney, 231 Church Avenue, the building was wrecked, one person was fatally injured and eight others were more or less badly injured.

The fatally injured: Mrs. Hattie Sweeney, aged 35 years. The injured are: William J. Sweeney, Agnes Sweeney, aged six years, Bernard Sweeney, aged 12 years, Miss Agnes Boyle, Miss Jean Minford, Charles Serena, Mrs. Charles Serena, Charles Serena, Jr.

A broken pipe in the kitchen had filled the room with gas. When Mrs. Sweeney lighted a match this morning, the explosion followed, wrecking the building and setting fire to the ruins.

ELOPED WITH HER BOARDER

Is Charge Against Wife Who Took Baby and Left Three Other Tots.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 29.—In company with a boarder Mrs. Robert King is alleged to have departed from the happy fireside of her husband last night and gone to a land unknown. King claims that she has eloped with Theodore Walker and in consequence has called upon the police to apprehend his fleeing spouse.

The work of arresting the course of the departed couple is in the hands of Constable Mat Spradling and Mat confidently expects to locate the woman in the next few days. King says he does not know just where they have gone, except that his wife failed to return and he was informed that she was seen leaving the house with Walker. She also took with her a little baby of one year.

Robert King, the husband, has been employed at Lewis, Hubbard & Co., in the shipping department. The couple have been keeping a boarding house on Court street. Walker was one of the boarders and King says he has recently been unnecessarily intimate with his wife.

Besides the little one that Mrs. King took with her on her alleged journey, there are three other children who are mourning the loss of their mother.

SAVED FROM WRECK.

Miner Flagged Train Before It Reached Big Landslide.

Probably many lives were saved this morning by a coal miner employed by the Fairmont Coal Company. A landslide occurred just east of Worthington station and the miner ran quite a distance to flag No. 3, the Pittsburgher. The train was delayed nearly an hour.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION OF BAR ASSOCIATION SHOWS LARGE INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

ELKINS IS SELECTED AS NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The second day's session of the State Bar Association began at nine o'clock this morning, President John W. Mason presiding.

In discussing the report of the committee on legal education the members thought that a higher academic standard should be required. Just what that standard should be is still an open question. Some think that a training in a law school of two years might be and probably is equal to the academic training that is given along other lines; a training that develops the mind sufficient to grasp the questions and understand them is sufficient.

It was suggested that the sufficiency of training should be determined by the professors of the law school alone as they prescribe the examination in the law.

Another part of the report that brought out a nice discussion was

F. R. York, Morgantown; A. J. Clarke, Wheeling; A. M. Poundstone, Buckhannon; Chas. McCame, Moundsville; Andrew Price, Marlinton; W. C. Mann, Moundsville; Melvina G. Sperry, Clarksburg; S. M. Hoff, Harrisville; E. F. Hartley, Fairmont; G. M. Alexander, Fairmont; T. L. Jeffords, Harper's Ferry; J. J. Cornwell, Romney.

Members That Were Elected to State Bar Association to-day.

I. G. Lazelle, Morgantown; Frank R. York, Morgantown; Melville Peck, Philippi; L. A. Yeager, Morgantown; Roy Regor, Buckhannon; Charles E. Carrigan, Moundsville; W. W. Hughes, Welch; George S. Wallace, Huntington; Jared L. Wamsley, Beverly; Linn Brannon, Weston; E. A. Bowers, Elkins; Harry Scherr, Williamson; Charles P. Swint, Weston; S. D. Stokes, Williamson; Ivory C. Jordan, Charleston; Herbert Fitzpatrick, Huntington; George N. Holzhimer, Clarksburg; A. B. Fleming, Fairmont; W. S. Meredith, Fairmont; W. S. Haymond, Fairmont; Harry Shaw, Fairmont; Charles Powell, Fairmont; R. F. Fleming, Fairmont; G. A. Vincent, Fairmont; Amos O. Stanley, Fairmont; G. W. McCauley, Moorefield; Geo. P. Chase, Parkersburg; W. W. Smith, Morgantown; Edwin Maxey, Morgantown; H. C. Showalter, Harrisville; T. N. Parks, Fairmont; G. M. Alexander, Fairmont; E. F. Hartley, Fairmont; John Henshaw, Fairmont; M. W. Ogden, Fairmont; J. A. Meredith, Fairmont; Waiman H. Conaway, Fairmont; Kemble White, Fairmont; M. M. Neely, Fairmont; E. F. Morgan, Fairmont; H. C. DeShields, Fairmont; U. S. Kendall, Fairmont; A. S. Fleming, Fairmont; Scott C. Lowe, Fairmont; C. L. Shaver, Fairmont; Tusca Morris, Fairmont; B. F. Ramage, Fairmont; Patrick M. Hoge, Fairmont; H. S. Lively, Fairmont; J. P. Kirby, Fairmont; Leroy Taylor, Mannington; Leroy V. Holsherry, Philippi; R. A. Watts, Fairmont; G. W. Campbell, Huntington; Geo. P. Shirley, Parsons; Ben D. Koontz, Fayetteville.

Proceedings Last Evening.

B. M. Ambler, of Parkersburg, read a paper, "A Plea for the Protection of Our Forests, Streams and Fuel." The writer put up a strong argument setting forth the reasons why each should be protected.

Elkins was selected as the place for the next annual meeting of the Association.

The committee on Grievances reported that all members of the Bar Association had deposited themselves in a commendable manner and that the new year starts off with a clear record.

There was one instance brought before the committee where an attorney collected some money for a collection agency located in Virginia, and failed to return the money or a part of the same collected. The committee took action in the matter as the attorney was not a member of the State Association. This brought out a spirited discussion as to whether the State Bar Association has to investigate the un-

BURIED ALIVE

WERE MEN THIS MORNING BY A CAVE-IN AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Just after work was started this morning in the excavation for the New National Metropolitan Citizens Bank building opposite the Treasury Department, on Fifteenth street, a cave-in occurred, and a number of Italian workmen were buried in a pit thirty-five feet deep. Three men who were badly injured were rescued and another shortly afterwards was taken from the pit dead. Further rescue work was stopped on an adjacent wall threatening to fall upon the rescuers. It is believed that four or five workmen deserted the place when the accident occurred and an attempt to check up the men proved futile.

Last night's rain weakened the walls and upon the resumption of work this morning, the shoring gave way, at the rear, precipitating several tons of earth, a brick party-wall and the end of a blind alley into the excavation.

THE WEATHER.

Snow To-Night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast for West Virginia—Snow or rain and colder to-night. Saturday, colder and partly cloudy, snow in the mountain districts, high westerly winds.

PEACE AND GOOD WILL

Prevailed At Meeting Of Republican State Executive Committee At Skinner's Tavern Last Night.

ALL "STAND PAT" FOR TAX REFORM

SUES B. & O.

CHARLES GETTINGS FELT OUTRAGED BECAUSE HE HAD TO PAY FARE TWICE.

Charles Gettings, through his attorney, S. H. Butler, before Justice Swindler Tuesday, sued the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for fifty-five cents. Gettings was coming from Wheeling on No. 4 a few nights since and bought a ticket to Fairmont. The check in some manner was lost from his hat and Conductor Shields made him pay his fare again from Manning to this city. The corporation's attorney immediately compromised as soon as they were aware of the suit. The Supreme Court on two occasions

Skinner's Tavern, in this city, was the scene yesterday and last night for a large number of Republicans from all parts of the State. The meeting of the Republican State executive committee was the primary cause of the assembling of the numerous politicians, but the reports which had gained some credence that a general resignation match was to be pulled off and a reorganization effected aroused more than usual interest in the meeting. The further fact that Governor Dawson had come in from Charleston to be present heightened the anxiety of the outsiders. But the committee was absolutely void of any spectacular or sensational features. Governor Dawson spent the entire evening, from eight to twelve, the time the committee was in session at his own room in private. Conferences with whomsoever such conference was desired. He took no part, directly or indirectly, in the deliberation of the committee and in fact seemed to manifest very little interest in the matter.

The much heralded resignations did not take place, indeed they were not discussed, as the members of the committee were not self-selected and do not feel called upon to resign until asked to do so by their people. That question was definitely and finally settled by the members well in advance of the meeting of the committee.

The meeting of the committee was called to order shortly after eight o'clock by Vice Chairman, G. W. Swisher, with Vice Secretary V. L. Highland at his place. The roll of the committeemen was called and fourteen of the sixteen members responded. H. L. Shott, of the Seventh district and Samuel Dixon, of the Ninth, were the absentees, but each sent proxies, W. W. Whyte, of Welch, and Geo. McIntosh, respectively. The committee decided not to allow representation by proxy, however, and then the experience meeting began. Beginning with the first district, the names were called and speeches made in order as follows: First district, C. H. Watkins, of Wheeling. Second, Dr. S. M. Steele, of Moundsville. Third, Major C. D. Elliott, of Parkersburg. Fourth, Congressman H. C. Woodward, of Spencer. Fifth, Elliott Northcott, of Huntington. Sixth, W. W. Whyte, of Welch. Eighth, O. A. Petty, of Charleston. Tenth, Amos Bright, of Sutton. Eleventh, W. E. Glasscock, of Morgantown. Twelfth, E. W. Martin, of Buckhannon. Thirteenth, S. C. Denham, of Clarksburg. Fourteenth, A. R. Stallings, of Parsons. Fifteenth, E. C. Henshaw, of Martinsburg. At large, J. S. Noel, of Fayette county.

The speeches were a real joy to hear. One and all expressed the greatest confidence in the ability of the Republican party to beat the Democrats to a standstill at the coming election. Good reports were brought in on the tax question, especially in the agricultural districts. It was the general opinion that the tax question would be the issue next fall and that the Republicans would have a victory if the proper effort was put forth to present the issue in a true light. The vice chairman and vice secretary were empowered by the committee to take such steps as they may deem necessary for the most effective campaign. If they think it best to open headquarters, that will be done, and it was the expressed feeling of the committee that such action be taken at the proper time. Take it all in all, the meeting was a very interesting one and will undoubtedly be productive of great good to the Republican party in West Virginia.

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MOVE OUT STOCK

Yeagers are now taking an inventory of stock and getting ready for their final Big Slaughter Sale, some of which will be made later.

Special inducements to merchants to move out stock in whole lots. The store is open and you have the opportunity of buying now.

Saturday Exchange.

The ladies of the Central Christian Church will hold an exchange on Saturday in the vacant room next to the Marietta hotel. Various kinds of good things to eat will be on sale.



EX-JUDGE W. S. HAYMOND, Of This City, and a Member of the Bar Association.

100 per cent.

Sage was busy all day long and his office was eagerly sought by scores of anxious borrowers. His profits on the day alone are estimated at \$20,000.

Betty Green was another figure of profound interest of the day. It is well known in the street that she keeps millions of ready cash in reserve and this was employed freely. It was reported in bank circles that she put out in the vicinity of \$4,000,000 which giving her an average rate of 100 per cent, would mean that she cleared up the neat profit of over \$12,000.

It was stated that the southern part of the State suffers most from this imposition, because of the low standard required in Tennessee and Kentucky.

John J. Coniff thinks that the question of education resolves itself into a matter of common sense, for after all in its last analysis it is common sense that counts.

Gen. Joseph Sprigg, of Cumberland, made an eloquent address commemorative of the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the West Virginia Bar Association. Gen. Sprigg's address is found on page six of this paper.

Additional Members in Attendance, Not Reported Yesterday.

M. H. Willis, West Union; W. G. Bennett, Weston; John J. Coniff, Wheeling; P. J. Crogan, Kingwood; J. Hop Woods, Philippi; Harvey Harner, Clarksburg; John Henshaw, Fairmont; C. Powell, Fairmont; I. G. Lazelle, Morgantown; F. T. Martin, Grafton; J. H. H. Vandale, Spencer; C. W. McCauley, Moorefield; G. M. Fleming, Buckhannon; W. H. Conaway, Fairmont; Geo. McClintock, Charleston; C. F. Teter, Philippi; R. T. Fleming, Fairmont; M. W. Ogden, Fairmont; M. Peck, Philippi; J. C. Simpson, Moundsville; C. A. Showalter, Moundsville; A. B. Fleming, Fairmont; W. E. Glasscock, Morgantown; T. H. Comett, New Marlintonville; T. S. Riley, Wheeling; H. M. Russell, Wheeling; B. F. Ramage, Fairmont; C. L. Shaver, Fairmont; C. M. Murphy, Philippi; B. S. Allison, Wheeling; G. A. Vincent, Fairmont; H. C. DeShields, Fairmont; Tusca Morris, Fairmont; R. A. Watts, Fairmont; J. C. McWhorter, Buckhannon; Clarence Sperry, Clarksburg; John H. Holt, Grafton; W. P. Willey, Morgantown; D. B. Evans, Moundsville; C. E. Carrigan, Moundsville; H. H. Byrer, Philippi; J. H. Strickling, Sistersville;



PATRICK J. CROGAN, Of Kingwood, Who Will Act as Toastmaster at the Banquet To-night.

Hearing Expected Soon.

Lee Trimble and Hiram Weaver have not had their hearing yet. The prosecuting witnesses have not returned but are expected every day. The chances are that it will occur this afternoon.

Hoppers Jumped the Track.

Three loaded steel hoppers jumped the track near the scale house at noon today and blocked the east bound train for two hours. The Grafton wreck train was summoned.

Miss Olive Meester has returned from nursing a patient at Morgantown.

Cook Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Will Wright, of Maple avenue, was brought to the hospital yesterday for treatment of typhoid fever.

A. J. Bonfield, of Tunnelton, is here for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Anna Westfall, of New England, who was badly burned on Saturday, was brought to the hospital yesterday. While her condition is still serious, she is slightly improved today.

Hon. S. M. Hoff, of Harrisville, prosecuting attorney of Ritchie county, arrived at noon today for the meeting of the State Bar Association.